

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the telephone conference conducted on June 6, 2006. During the telephone conference, the Examiner identified U.S. Patent Nos. 6,996,321; 6,792,189; and 6,795,232, and requested that Applicant identify how claims 1 and 9 of the present application are distinguished over the cited patents. In response thereto, Applicant has herein amended claims 1 and 9. These amendments are supported in the specification as originally filed at least at page 9, line 16 through page 10, line 5. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the claims do not introduce new matter and entry thereof is respectfully requested. Applicant submits that none of the cited patents disclose or suggest all of the limitations of claims 1 or 9 as currently amended.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 and 9 as amended and presented herein. In the event there remains any impediment to allowance of the claims which could be clarified in a telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate such an interview with the undersigned.

Dated this 21st day of September 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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